## FIGHTING THEM OVER

What Our Veterans Have to Say About Their Old Campaigns.

FORT GREGG AGAIN!

A Voice from Illinois Begarding Its Capture. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your issue

or 12 feet from the corner of the fort. As I till, before the close of day, West Point, with raised to shoot at a reb to my right (we were all her stores, was in our hands. raised to shoot at a reb to my right (we were all her stores, was in our hands. only the length of our musket barrels apart) Gen, Sherman had already commenced his reare you?" and our boys answered, "Here we the 21st of February, 1864. been provided with those deathdealers, the

pointed his sword at him and said: "I order on the morning of the 22d, you, sir, to lead your men into the fort at once." Whereupon the officer drew his sword, and swinging it over his head gave the comfort, where there was no ditch, were soon enthe enemy. The enemy's attention being turned to that point, our boys immediately jumped the walls and joined the conflict.

It was not my fortune to witness, much less participate in, a more desperate hand-to-hand conflict during the war. The men used the butte of their guns and bayonets, while our officers were equally as busy with their swords. Inch by inch the Johnnies were forced to they would surrender.

A word or two as to that bronze eagle which that officer of the 100th N. Y. has been trying to claim. That eagle rests upon the staff of the State flag that was presented to us by Gov. Richard Vates in the forepart of the year 1863, and the following inscription (copied from history) will explain itself:

Presented to The 29th III. veteran volunteers, By Maj.-Gen. John Gibbon, Commanding Twenty-fourth Corps, For gallantry in the assault on Fort Gregg, Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865.

The presentation as per above inscription W. WARE, Co. E, 39th Ill., Aurora, Ill.

Read " Better than a Pension" on page 5. A FIGHTING REGIMENT.

The Part Taken by the 11th Pa, on the Plains of Manauszk.

45 regiments that lost heaviest in battle, As an instance of severe loss in killed and sent, as well as from the necessity of things, as-The regiment, under the command of Col. him we owe our salvation from capture.

Lean's forces: "Forward! Gen. Pope is driving them with

a terrible wound, and Lieut.-Col. Thomas S. fighting without sleep or food, and consequently good, and I am in fine spirits, hoping to be exchang-Martin dropped dead within six feet of me | were very much exhausted.

Our 11th Pa. regiment went into the conflict Smith, fearful of his ability to hold them in with 346 men, rank and file, and in the brief | check until aid could reach him, wished for but desperate fighting lost 22 killed and 154 | reinforcements with all possible haste. wounded-more than 50 per cent. In our com- Accordingly, Maj. Coon, with such men from pany (F) of 40 men, who stood on Bald Hill, one battalion of the 6th fil. and two battalions five were killed and 15 wounded. The killed of 2d lows as were mounted on horses still were privates Samuel Rumbaugh, Hugh Bleak- able to strike the lope, spurred to their relief, my, David Bush, Michael O'Leary, and David Upon reaching the designated spot of bloody

massed thousands of the enemy who charged imaginary, the scare being caused by a squad upon our thin lines of battle. We had no of guerrillas, who fired upon the rear-guard artillery on the hill, and were ordered to fall just before the falling of a dead tree near by. back to a second line, which was done, the Con- the report of which was taken for artillery federates in the meantime swarming across the | firing.

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The 19th 31d. please inform me if there was such a regiment conton, with great quantities of Commissary as the 19th Md. C. T.? If there is such, please and Quartermaster stores. McTeer, likely, had ments raised in Maryland, but we cannot find gade. They made their own record, and this is EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

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SOOY SMITH'S RAID.

A 2d Iowa Cavalryman Goes for the Tennesseeaus, EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your issue of Nov. 27, 1890, appeared an article on Smith's Brigade a hearing.

The finest cavalry force that had ever operated in the Military District of Mississippi | very intimate. of Jan. 8 1 notice an article from the pen of was massed in and around Germantown, and "Memoirs." I heartily agree with him in both | Col. W. P. Hepburn commanding, consisted of | that horse and rider bore charmed lives. statements. Col. Thomas O. Osborn, of the 39th the 2d lows, 6th and 9th Ill. Cav.; the Third Gen. McPherson was, at the time of his death, Etatements. Col. Thomas O. Osborn, of the Soll.

Brigade, Col. McCrillis commanding, consisted in his 35th year, and a single man, and so the the First Division, Twenty-fourth Corps, composed of the following regiments: 189th Pa., and 4th Regular Cav. The force There were three horses sent back here to 39th Ill., 62d and 67th Ohio and a detachment | numbered about 9,000 well-armed and well- his mother; one, black, as before spoken of, of the 85th Pa. Serg't George W. Burton was mounted men. Brig.-Gen. B. H. Grierson ac- and two sorrel or light chestnut. One of the color-bearer of Co. E. 39th Ill., which was at | companied the force, using his own expression, | chestnuts was, as R. C. Rankin says, of excelthat time color company. He carried the Stars as a sort of supernumerary. Accompanying lent stock, and has some stock here of good and Stripes, and as we approached the ditch in

buillets from the Confederate infantry inside of the fort.

We moved out before daylight on the 11th were sold out of the family, and I am told they of February, 1864, going south by very slow are all dead. No sooner had our flag fallen than an officer | marches. The command moved in three colof the 199th Pa., who happened to be near at umns until the Tallahatchie was reached. On 1847, and to-day the only near relative of the hand, seized the colors, and jumping the ditch | the 18th we reached Okolona, nothing of inclimbed up and planted them on the outer terest having happened thus far. We passed McPherson, who lives with his mother, Mattie slope of the fort. As if enraged at such holdness, the enemy exerted themselves to a heroic | kee force ever in that town, and consequently | home the General was brought back to, and attempt to capture the flag; but as fast as they we were a terror and curiosity to the people. Where his mother died, and also Russell B. whowed themselves on top of the parapet we we were a terror and curiosity to the people. Where his mother died, and also Russell B. We now moved towards West Point, thousands McPherson, the other brother; and where the shot them down. They became so excited that of darkies leading stock joining the column as funeral of Mrs. Emeline Vandercook, the only one of them took his bayonet and threw it with all his might at the flag, but fortunately miss. we moved. On the morning of the 20th we sister, was held, April 18, 1884. I see from my reached Prairie Station, where we burned a window, where I am writing, a statue erected ing the standard and tearing a large hole in the long train of cars, together with a large amount | by the friends of the General, the Army of the center of the flag. Col. Osborn helped us to of Confederate corn. The 2d Iowa had the Tennessee, and citizens of Clyde, which is the elimb up on the side of the fort out of the divance as we moved on to West Point, crowding the rels back in a continual skirmish, high granite pedestal. Gen. McPherson is repleg and boosting us up, at the same time ex- which at times reached the dignity of a run- resented as standing upon the field of battle, claiming, "Men, we must take this fort before the enemy appeared in force the enemy receives reinforcement." In this manner he boosted the writer up on the para- favorable point. The dismounted riflemen of onward. In his left hand is a field-glass, and pet near the left end of the ditch, and some 10 | the 2d Iowa Cav. drove them steadily back, at his side hangs his sword.

fired at my head. The charge raked the side of trograde movement, our expedition had failed I think I have more than answered the quesmy neck, knocking me senseless, and when I of its purpose-failed because our leaders were | tions of the gentleman referred to. But so came to my senses a dead man was laying across too slow. Therefore we had to return to many mistakes have gone into print, I thought my back. I rolled him off, picked up my gun, Memphis with our plunder, which consisted best to give days and dates to save mistakes. and was again ready for business, "somewhat of 3,000 horses and males, 1,500 negroes and Mas. Frances A. Tuttle, Clyde, O. disfigured, but still in the ring," as the sporting | 200 prisoners. We soon found that we had our gentry would term it. I heard a great rush to hands full to even return to camp. Gen. Smith the left and someone called out, "Bith, where ordered the retreat early on the morning of

are "and le and behold it was the 23d Ill., Here I wish to ask McTeer in all kindness some of whom were armed with 16-shooters, how he comes to be ignorant of the engagement and doing great execution with them; one of the 2d Iowa Cav. on the 21st with Forrest, fellow I remember especially, who was on his knees, about eight or 10 feet distant from me, working the lever and sending the balls with such rapidity as to cause great havoc and commettee rapidity as to cause great havoc and fine such rapidity as to cause great havoc and fine such rapidity as to cause great havoc and fine such rapidity as to cause great havoc and fine such rapidity as to cause great havoc and fine such rapidity as to cause great havoc and comments. Had all our boys the real such rapidity as to cause great havoc and comments and fine such rapidity as to cause great havoc and comments. Had all our boys the repells following and fighting at rade with the hore in the rapidity as to cause great havoc and comments and fine such rapidity as to cause great havoc and comments and traded it for sugar as long as we could get the rapidity and trade with the hore in the rapidity as to cause great havoc and comments and traded it for sugar as long as we could get the rapidity as to cause great havoc and comments and traded it for sugar as long as we could get the rapidity as to cause great havoc and comments and traded it for sugar as long as we could get the rapidity as to cause great havoc and comments and traded it for sugar as long as we could get to put in my sweetening. I want to put in my sweetening. The writer drove the wheel team of the first to put in my sweetening. The writer drove the wheel team of the first to put in my sweetening. The writer drove the wheel team of the first to put in my sweetening. The writer drove the wheel team of the first to put in my sweetening. The writer drove the wheel team of the first to put in my sweetening. The writer drove the writer drove the wheel team of the first to put in my sweetening. The writer drove the writer drove the writer drove the put in my sweetening. The writer drove the writer drove the put in my sweetening. The writer drove the writer drove the put in my sweetening. The writer drove the writer drove the put in my sweetening. The writer drove the writer drove the writer drove the put in my sweetening. The writer drove the writer drove forces twice, the rebels following and fighting a trade with the boys in the adjoining building lines belongs to the Sixth Corps." As well battery fired its last round of canister. They fort would have been taken in much less time until 10 o'clock p. m. We continued the retreat until 2 o'clock p. m. We continued the retreat until 2 o'clock p. m. We continued the retreat until 2 o'clock p. m. We continued the retreat until 2 o'clock p. m. We continued the retreat until 2 o'clock p. m. We continued the retreat until 2 o'clock p. m. When we cannot for a mine of our own which me did by continued to open
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ing, took the rear, and the 6th Iii, battery was maturally became very anxious to lay in a from the Sixth Corps were in the city before turned over to them. As the rear passed stock for a rainy day. There being about 2,000 mand, "Forward, men!" They made a grand through Okolona early in the forenoon, the prisoners in the building, the reader can readily rush, and breaking through the corner of the | rebels charged McCrillis's Brigade, stampeding | imagine what a noise and confusion that many it and capturing five pieces of the cannon re- men would make in the dark, moving to and gaged in a desperate hand-to-hand conflict with | ceived from the Second Brigade but a few hours | from the cellar all at one time in their mad before. The Second Brigade was now ordered | endeavor to satisfy their craving, starving to the rear again on the gallop, where a line stomachs and sweeten their soured tempers. was soon formed and the exultant for checked. The rebel officers hearing this noise and The advance and flank guards were taken from | tumult came into the prison to learn the cause, the Second Brigade, which was also required when they found sugar covering the floors, to form the line of battle in the rear of the They bustened in the guard, forming the prisstampede, which had commenced with the 4th oners in column in the center of the floor. The of any corps can write up or write down. That Regulars and 2d N. J., but which and now be- guards placed, they compelled us to stand up these facts reflect any particular glory upon come so general in the First and Third Bri- until morning. Next day they deprived us of that brigade none of the men belonging to the wield their ground, but it was not until more gades that upon the Second Brigade alone could brigade will claim. Had Comrade Perry's brithan half the fort was in our possession before there be any dependence placed to save the ment for emptying nine hogsheads of sugar. I command from capture. Some regiments from | had about half bushel for my share, and must the other brigades did well, but as brigades say right here that the hole in the wall under The road in the rear of the line of battle pre-

bands, 1,500 strong, were added double that Libby, Pemberton, Dauville, Andersonville and them to be, the latter were first in the city, number of demoralized soldiers skulking from | Florence, 14 months and 20 days in all, when the fight. These, with 3,000 led horses and mules, together with a long train of wagons | Charleston Harbor Dec. 10, 1864. and ambulances, all mingled in one stampeded | Now a word as to our treatment by the rebels. mass, moved like an avalanche to the rear. At To show that there was system in their premedione time this meb, which was over one-fourth | tated, murderous work, I will simply cite you to of a mile in width and miles in length, was the fact that when we were paroled we were moving without advance or flank guards or examined by their Surgeons, and those found commander. This stampeds was in full view forever unfit for further service were paroled, occurred in the early days of May, 1865, at a of Forrest's army, and separated from them but | while others were kept to starve a while longer. grand review held at Richmond, Va., and was by one line of battle, in which there was not In this way they claimed they could kill more presented in person by Gen. Gibbon.—CHARLES | more than 4,000 men who could be trusted. I | Yankees in prison than they could in the field, need not tell the reader that the fighting here | being mindful that two could play at the same was bloody. Our boys had a favorable position | game at the front, and bravely did they ply their faithful rifles. I think it is high time for our Congress to The robels charged and were repulsed by do something for the few remaining victims of not apparent to every thoughtful mind that the counter-charges; cannon were taken and re- rebel barbarity, cruelty and torment, and un- soldier-haters could find a great deal of aid and taken; our lines, however, under the guidance less this Congress does it soon it undoubtedly of Gen. Grearson, firmly resisted every assault | will be forever too late for some of the bravest until reinferced by darkness, by the aid of of our boys, -John P. Brook, Co. I, 35th Ohio, EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The 11th Pa. | whose friendly cover they withdrew from the | Ashland, Neb. -Col. Richard Coulter-stands fourth in the list of Pennsylvania regiments as to loss in battle that one-half of our force was sufficient to cope and death from wounds, and 16th in the list of | with the enemy if but allowed to stand and fight, Gen. Grierson, rather by common con-

wounded, this regiment's experience at Ma- sumed the direction of affairs as soon as darkmassas. Aug. 30, 1862, is particularly suggestive. | ness put an end to the battle of the 22d, and to Richard Coulter, a Mexican war veteran, with | Placing a guard across the road in front of the 12th Mass., Col. Fictcher Webster; 13th the stampede, he ordered them to halt every | pied by Carroll's famous brigade on the even-Mass., Col. Leonard, and 9th N. Y. S. M. (83d | man, black or white, and kill anyone who re-N. V.), Col. Stiles, formed Hartsuff's Third | fused to obey the order, at the same time di-Brigade, Second Division, First Corps. On the recting that each soldier found among the a great deal to say about the doings of that afternoon of Aug. 30, under command of Gen. stampede should be driven into a lot designated Towers, the brigade was ordered to Bald Hill. for the reception of the brigade to which he about it. I would also like to hear from some

his own company and regiment, This course in about four hours brought the force into something like fighting trim again, Instantly forming, the brigade advanced when Grierson ordered them to move out in under fire to the crest of Bald Hill. Here a the following order; First, McCrillis's Brimost murderous fire of musketry and artillery gade, followed by the negroes, led horses and swept the hill as with the besom of death. The train, moved out on the run and made for the metallic rattle of musketry, mingled with the Taliahatchic with the greatest possible speed; continuous thunder of artillery, was partially next came Warring's Brigade, followed by deadened by the other peculiar, grinding noises | the Second Brigade, Lieut.-Col. Hepburn comof battle. In our front long gray lines en | manding, the 7th Ill., supported by the 2d Iowa, echelon formation bristling with steel and the 6th Ill. taking the rear. The enemy fringed with sheeted flame, were moving mag- pressed closely for awhile, but about 10 a. m. mificently and steadily through the storm. the hard fighting ceased, and we continued We were upon the open, naked fields. In- our march to the ford at New Albany unmo- years .- S. O. Culver, Co. C, 203d Pa., Springstantly our fire opened, and in as many minutes lested. We were safely across the river by ville, Pa. our flag went down five times. Col. Coulter's 4 o'clock p. m. of the 23d. For 60 hours prehorse was shot, Maj. Henry A. Funk fell with | vious to this we had been in almost incessant |

We moved out on the Waterford road on our Dalby, of Co. E. a soldier of the Mexican war; homeward march in three columns, crossing Gates, W. H. Gray, Chas. Barrett, N. Bowers, I. W. Capt. George Cribbs, of Co. I; Lieut. Hindman, the Tippah River at Baysford. Our brigade, Stephens and myself. You will please publish the of Co. D. and Lieut. McClintock, of Co. C. | which was in the center, pursued their course | names in the Montrose Republican were killed; and Capt. Bierer, of Co. C; Lieut, down the river. Just as we were going into Schall, of Co. C; Lieut. Waverling, of Co. A; camp for the night near Waterford, a staff offi-Lieut. Haines, of Co. B, and Capt. E. H. Ranch, cer, mounted on a foaming charger, came up of Co. H, were severely wounded. Two-thirds to Gen. Grierson, who was with our brigade, of our line officers were killed and wounded. | with the intelligence that McCrillis's Brigade, Col. Fletcher Webster, a son of the great upon our right, had been furiously attacked statesman, Daniel Webster, fell on this hill. while crossing the Tippah River, and that

strife, Coop found McCrillis and Smith snugly Flesh and blood could not withstand the camped, and learned that the danger had been

the attacking party generally, their loss was from those who have used them. likely equally heavy in men. We brought in 1,500 negroes, 3,000 horses and mules, and destroyed over 40 miles of railroad, millions of any one officially known as the 19th Md. C. T .- part of it, and the truth .- ALFRED S. BURGER, | with great benefit. Co. K, 2d Iowa Cav., Genet, Neb.

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GEN. J. B. McPHERSON.

Something about His Family and His Horses. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In answer to . T. Robb, Sardis, Ky., who inquires, in THE raid, by Will A. McTeer, Adjutant, 3d Tenn. NATIONAL TRIBUNE of Jan. 8, about the horse Cay., Marysville, Tenn. On that portion of Gen. McPherson rode when he was killed in his article from Dec. 27, 1863, until Feb. 11, front of Atlanta, I will say that the horse 1964, I have nothing to say; but I would like | referred to by the comrade was not the one the to give a true account of the Smith raid, and | General rode when killed. I will quote from I will sketch from my memoranda as briefly my scrap-book, and also from notes taken from as possible, with the object of giving the Second | conversations with the General's mother-Mrs. Cynthia McPherson-who was my near neighbor, who died in 1888, and with whom I was

In his last fight, Gen. McPherson rode his Wm. E. Chick, of the 85th Pa., describing the placed under the command Gen. Sooy Smith. favorite black charger, that had borne him charging of Fort Gregg. His statement as to The force was divided into three brigades. through every battle from Shiloh to Atlanta. the regiments that first charged the fort in | The First Brigade, Col. Warring commanding, | We learn from a member of his staff, to whom front are as correct as though copied from offi-cial records, as are also his references to Grant's Ind., 19th Pa. Cav.; the Second Brigade, Lieut.-

front of the fort, ran shead of the line of bat- The object of the expedition was to join Gen. | the General, had the care and charge of them. tle, and had no more than reached the edge of the ditch when he fell, completely riddled with plated move into the interior from Vicksburg.

The next day, Feb. 21, was Sunday, and as | tribute to the memory of one of the bravest of

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A Chickamanga Prisoner Gives His Experience, EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Having been

they were too badly stampeded to be trusted. | the Pemberton Prison was the sweetest by far paroled and turned over to our authorities in

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Eleventh Corps at Gettysburg.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Will Comrade Haines, of the 12th N. J., or Comrade Beale, of the 12th Mass., kindly inform me what part of the Eleventh Corps line was occuing of July 2 at Gettysburg, and name the regiments relieved by them? They have had brigade at that time, and probably can tell all A participant in the battle, I heard these belonged. A different field was set apart for member of the regiment that supported the words from Gen. McDowell, as he rode past each brigade, and the officers of the same sent | 17th Conn. during the charge of the Louisiana our bivonec in the rear of Schenck's and Mc- in there to re-assert the men and send each to Tigers on the evening of July 2 .- A. W. PECK, First Lieutenant, 17th Conn., Newton, Conn.

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A Letter from Richmond.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I send you herewith a copy of a letter which was written by D. A. McCracken soon after his capture. RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 24, 1864.

DEAR PARENTS: I am a prisoner in Richmond, and am quartered in a tobacco warehouse. My health is ed or paroled soon. I was captured Oct. 19, at the battle of Cedar Creek. There are seven of Co. L here, Your son, D. A. MCCRACKEN.

PETERSBURG. The Second Brigade, First Division, Ninth Corps,

First in the City. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your issue not engaged" in the fight of April 2, 1865, in front of Petersburg. This was so egregious an error that it was almost cruel to Comrade Campbell to publish it. As might have been expected, the comrades of the gallant Sixth

Corps made haste to reply, and among others Comrade Hall took pains to prove in the Jan. 8 issue what every one who has taken pains to inform himself, already knew, viz., that the ediy as ignorant of what the Ninth Corps did | dence than in Pope. as he blames Comrade Campbell for being in instead of succeeding, as they did.

of the Ninth Corps was made at the same time | their just dues. The fact is that on that eventful morning the rested on the Appomattox. Sixth Corps boys did their work heroically and well, and the boys of the Ninth Corps did their share with equal heroism, and that neither owed their success to any aid save that given of the God of battles.

Appenattox, but that on the contrary Grant basement of the Crews building where the surrendered to Lee. Whether or not a few The Third Brigade, Col. McCrillis command- sugar was stored. When this was done the boys individuals-pickets, stragglers, or what notthe entry of the Ninth Corps I do not know, nor does Comrade Perry, nor is it a matter of any consequence; but the unchangeable verdict of history is that the first organized troops to enter the city that morning were the regiments composing the Second Brigade, First Division, Ninth Corps; that the city was surrendered to Col. Ralph Ely, commanding that brigade, and that the flag of the 1st Mich. Sharpshooters was the first to float above the gade been in the place where the brigade above named was on that morning, it might, and probably would, have been the first in the city; but as the brigade to which Comrade Perry beof any of the (hell hole) prisons in which I was longed was where duty called it to be, and as the sented truly a deplorable seems, for to the contra- confined while a prisoner of war; and I was in Ninth Corps boys were where their duty called and it is a matter of no small surprise to the Ninth Corps that any of their comrades of the Sixth Corps, who covered themselves with immortal honor on every battlefield on which they fought, should seek to take from those to whom it belongs any credit, great or small, and appropriate it to themselves.

Is it not time, comrades, that all petty bickerings and disputes among ourselves, on paper or otherwise, should be stopped? Would it not be well for every comrade, in giving his recollections of the war, either to the public or in private, not to try to build up the reputation of his own regiment, corps or army by decrycomfort in what soldie's say of each other? The enemies of the veterans of the war of the rebellion could find a great deal of testimony that the armies of the Union were made up of cowards and laggards, were they merely to use the assertions of many of the soldiers themselves, who mistakenly write of what other no knowledge, and in the nature of things could not know, what was going on in any other regiment than their own. When a comrade writes of what he himself saw, he is generally correct; when he attempts to tell what

he did not see, he is generally wrong. The Union soldiers in the late war ought to be the first to recognize and the most earnest in asserting the great truth that in the war of the rebellion the several armies of the Union were one as our country is one; that the men composing those armies were, with very rare exceptions, alike in bravery, steadfastness and patriotic devotion to our country and its flag; that whatever one army or part of an army did, any other army or part of an army would most probably have done under the same circumstances, and that whatever any army or part of an army failed to do, no other army or part of an army that ever existed could possibly have done; that the heroic achievements of any part of the Union armies or navies in He was the first man to enlist from Susque- | the late war ought to be and are the pride and hanna County, Pa., in April, 1861, his term | glory of every man who, in that unparalleled being for three months, and the enlistment | conflict, faithfully and loyally were the blue, made at the age of 16 years. His term of and fought under the Stars and Stripes .- GEO. service covered a period of four and one-half M. Buck, Co. C, 20th Mich., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Read "Better than a Pension " on page 5. All Else Forgotten. [Puck.]

"Didn't he once say he would never speak to "Yes; but he saw that I had a cold, and he couldn't resist the temptation to tell me of a

## PLASTERS. POROUS

In the matter of curatives what you want is something that will do and had nothing more to fear. The writer thinks the soldier was an Iowa boy. its work while you continue to do yours-a remedy that will give you ground formerly held by us. I gave them a parting shot at close range and then fell back 26, having been out 16 days. The Federal loss ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS. These plasters are not an experiment; darkness of night closed the second battle of five calesons, two ambulances and 200 stand of they have been in use for over 30 years, and their value has been attested nati, Ark., in answer to Comrade Hobart, of Madassas or Bull Ron.—Phil. K. Faulk, Co. small-arms, besides over 2,000 horses raised by the exposure of the march. As the rebs were by the highest medical authorities, as well as by voluntary testimonials Junction, says the brigade was composed of

ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS are purely vegetable and absolutely the year 1863, and they were sent to see if for old soldiers. Nothing gives me more pleas-EDITOR NATIONAL THIBUNE: Will you bushels of corn, thousands of bales of C. S. A. harmless. They require no change of diet, and are not affected by wet or cold. Their action does not interfere with labor or business; you can give me its history.—Benjamin Jones, 419 reference to the dead-tree cannon when he toil and yet be cured while hard at work. They are so pure that the [Answer.—There were several colored regi- Brigade spoken of was Gen. Hatch's old bri- youngest, the most delicate person of either sex can use them

Beware of imitations, and do not be deceived by misrepresentation. Ask for ALLCOCK's, and let no solicitation or explanation induce you to accept a substitute.

PICKET SHOTS

of Dec. 18, 1890, Comrade Campbell made the astounding assertion that "the Sixth Corps was

Comments and Corrections. Samuel A. Boyles, First Lieutenant, Co. E. 18th Ind., Yankton, S. D., says that he is very much interested in the reminiscences of John Sixth Corps was not only "engaged in that | Pope, as he was the first sure enough General fight," but that on that occasion it performed | the writer had ever seen. He was in college one of the most heroic achievements of the war. | at the University of Indiana during the Spring Had Comrade Hall stopped there all would of 1861, and after commencement rushed franhave been well, but unfortunately, in his desire to "get back" on Comrade Campbell, he does a 17, 1861. He was very much afraid the war cruel injustice to the Ninth Corps, by quoting | would close before he could have an opportunity from "one of the State histories" (the author of distinguishing himself. But the war did not of which is to be pitied for his ignorance) to close as soon as he expected, nor did he distinthe effect that the Ninth Corps achieved no de- guish himself, but he claims a part in the gloricided or important success in that battle. Now, ous achievements of the 18th Ind. They never if Comrade Hall had not been actually or feign. had a General in whom they had more confi-Henry Stivers, Battery B, 1st N. J. L. A. regard to what the Sixth Corps did, he would | (Clark's), No. 3 Engine House, Newark, N. J.,

never have quoted from the unreliable and mis- | says to Ellis H. Timms, a Sergeant of the old leading "State history" to which he refers. Battery, that there are some of the comrades He would have known and recognized the fact left. He can corroborate everything he said that at the same time that the Sixth Corps was regarding the action at Gettysburg. Timms smashing the rebel line in its front the brigade to which Comrade Campbell belonged (First to leave the Peach Orchard the rebel skirmish-Brigade, First Division, Ninth Corps) went ers called to them to halt, but they did not through every rebel "line of intrenchments" | halt, as they had other business than going to in front of that brigade, captured Fort Mahone after a severe struggle, and held it against re- John Harker, Co. C, 14th Ohio, and Co. K,

peated and desperate assaults by the rebels. As | 68th Ohio, Barns, Kan., having noticed a claim Fort Mahone commanded not only the rebel of the Surgeon of the 7th fnd., who says his works to the right and left of it, but the city as well, the capture and holding of the fort by the | rick's Ford, W. Va., during the three months' Ninth Corps would have compelled Lee to evac- | service, desires to put in a plea for Gen. Jim uate Petersburg had the assaults by other | Steedman's 14th Ohio of having taken a good corps on the rebel line at other points failed | share in that fight. The writer's regiment had the Johnnies on the jump, when the 7th Ind. But Comrade Perry, in an article on the same | came up, and had killed all, including Gen. page of the same paper, goes still farther than | Garnett, who was carried to the next ford by Comrade Hall by claiming that "anything his men, where they had to leave him because gained by the Ninth Corps that morning if not the 7th Ind. came up and took the lead and directly was indirectly the fruits of the Sixth | were driving them rapidly. The 7th Ind. was Corps' movements." Inasmuch as the assault a good regiment, but the 14th Ohio men want

as that made by the Sixth Corps, and as the H. C. Holter, Co. D, 45th Pa., Second Divispoint where the assault of the Ninth Corps was | iou, Ninth Corps, Howard, Pa., having seen a delivered was so far from the point amounted | statement from a comrade of the Sixth Corps, by the Sixth Corps that neither corps could be | that the Ninth Corps came to the Wilderness said to be in supporting distance of the other, | May 5, 1864, will state that they did not arrive it would be quite as correct to say that any-thing gained by the Sixth Corps that morning extreme left of our army. The same comrade if not directly was indirectly the fruits of the also states that the Ninth Corps was on the left Ninth Corps' movements. The one statement would be as reasonable and as true as the other. The Ninth Corps was on the right and its right

In the Peach Orchard. Michael Hanifen, Clark's New Jersey battery, Ottawa, Ill., says regarding the batteries in Sherfy's Peach Orchard, at Gettysburg, July 2, them by their own brave hearts and the favor 1863, that Clark's was the first there, going into In another part of the same letter Comrade The writer drove the wheel team of the first from a rebel battery, which threw canister into them from the flank while they were throwing canister into infantry advancing upon them from the orchard and buildings near the Rose House. This fire badly disabled the caisson team, and two caissons were left on the field, the horses all being killed and the drivers wounded. The battery's loss was two killed (Casselman and Post), 18 wounded and two

captured, who afterward died in prison. Patrick Hart, Captain, 15th N. Y. Independthe Peach Orchard, says that Comrade Hulin | was the First Brigade, Fourth Division, Six-Bachelder's map of the field of Gettysburg, | dent as to the date, as he kept a diary through tion of all the commands. Col. John D. Bach- | the rebels were stopped on their retreat from elder's address is Hyde Park, Mass. Col. Bachafter the battle ceased when he went to every | captured, and if the rebels had gotten between obtained from them the exact positions held by | would have been gobbled up. their commands during the three days' fight-

A High Old Time, H. B. Tickemyre, Shackelford, Mo., sympathizes with Comrade Hilton, who lost his pork so near camp after carrying it all night. It reminds him of a little incident. He was one of a detail of 75 men sent down the Arkansas River to a place known as Morton Farm. They arrived late in the evening, and the next mornmission to go foraging. They came to a farmhouse, and knowing that there were plenty of rebels in the country, asked the old farmer if he had seen any around, to which he replied that he had not. They then asked if he had any ham for sale, and as he had they hitched their horses to the fence, and went to the meathouse with him. They paid for one ham in greenbacks, and wanted to give Confederate money for the other, but he refused it. While arguing with him they heard a volley of musketry near at hand, which came from a squad of Confederate soldiers who had run accidentally upon asquad of Federal troops in front of the Fifteenth Corps, there were more dead of the house and had exchanged shots. The and wounded in front of the 26th III, than the soldiers failed to do, when, in fact, they have writer and his companion took their hams in a hurry and lit out for camp, which they reached | General, several Colonels and a large number in safety. They feasted sumptuously for two or three days on ham, chicken and fish, there | Aug. 17 in front of Atlanta, as was also a sol-

Some Pithy Editorials. H. M. Parker, 11th Ill., Blissfield, Mich., having seen in a newspaper recently an article on Jeff Davis headed, "The Davis Memoirs-A from the comrade if he is still alive. Sad and Solemn History-A Vindication," etc., says he is laid up in the house now with some of his Davis memoirs in the shape of rheuma- battle of Chickamauga, except that of the tism. In looking over a collection of THE fences being on fire. He thinks Comrade Dol-NATIONAL TRIBUNES he came across the edito- | ton must have been behind a tree at that battle, rial written at the time of his death, which, with all due respect to the surviving members | as Dolton writes about. He would like to inof his household, the writer thinks is a better and more fitting "Davis Memoir." Hans Olson Grinder, Sergeant, Co. C, 12th | the battle of Pulaski, Tenn. Wis., Perry, Wis., compliments our article in reply to the Portland Oregonian, and calls at-

tention to the fact that though the Nation | Eckler, 14th Ohio, claims to have belonged to possessed undoubted rights over the lives of its | the best regiment in the service, desires a little citizens, yet there were many boys and newly- show for his regiment, which was the Preacher arrived foreigners who took the place of those regiment, Second Brigade, Second Division, citizens in the ranks, and did their fighting for | Fourth Corps. The comrade will have to adpreliminary steps to naturalization. It is likely as they were the skirmish regiment of the brithat some of these gallant and loyal foreigners gade, which contained the 40th and 15th Ind. Oregonian. The Retreat from Bolivar.

Iowa, in answer to Comrade Hobart about the expedition to Grand Junction, says that possibly Hobart and he may have reference to difbly Hobart and he may have reference to dif- writer enlisted April 18, 1861, in Co. E. 8th Ind., ferent expeditions, as he says the Third Bri- and was in the battle at Rich Mountain July gade, while the writer will say it was the First | 11, 1861. He was mustered out in August. H Brigade of Hurlbut's Division, composed of re-enlisted for three years in the 57th Ind.; the 28th, 32d and 41st Ill. and 3d Iowa. On veteranized, and was mustered out June 22, this expedition the 53d Ill. took the place of 1865, and is not drawing a pension. the 32d Ill., the brigade being commanded by Gen. Lauman. They started from Bolivar Saturday morning, and the day of the retreat was Sunday. It was about the middle of Sep- | the Fall of 1861 Gen. Polk started on a raid tember, 1862, and not in the Spring of 1863, as from Sedalia, Mo., and when about 30 or 40 stated by the comrade. The writer had a dis- miles southwest turned back north and east tinct recollection of the band being forbidden | through Warrensburg. Three miles east of the to play and loud talking prohibited, and they town one of the soldiers got into a goose lot did not go very far before the command had to and was busy attending to the birds when an retreat toward Bolivar. They were met by the old redheaded woman charged him with some Second Brigade of the division near that place, wet cornstalks, swiping him over the back. thinks that the object of the expedition was to | The command camped that evening three miles distract Van Dorn's attention and prevent him | west of Knobnoster, and they captured 1,300 forming a junction with Price in his campaign against Iuka and Corinth.

J. P. Barron, Co. A, 32d Ill., Third Brigade, the 28th and 32d Ill. and 3d Iowa, commanded by Gen. Lauman. The expedition was during | there is no paper published that has its equal there were any rebels in the neighborhood. | ure than to sit down and peruse the valuable They got along nicely until within about a information it contains, and no comrade should mile of Grand Junction, when Lauman and be without it during the long Winter nights. staff came back on the run, about-faced the I know that I shall pass my time reading over brigade, guns were leaded, and the wagons sent | the items about and from so many comvades in advance. Some of the 2d III. Cav. who were whom I have met during my service in the late with the expedition had brought word to Lau- rebellion in the old 1st Minn., Co. K, First Briman that the enemy was in force near the June- | gade, Second Division, Second Corps, Army of tion, and he had better get away, so they left | the Potomac.-CHESTER S. DURFEE, Grand for Bolivar on the double-quick. Henry Palmer, Co. F, 53d Ill., Reddick, Ill.

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the raid from Bolivar, Tenn., which took place ent battery, regarding the battery stationed in on the 20th and 21st of September, 1862. It is mistaken, and recommends him to get Col. | teenth Corps, that was engaged. He is confiwhich is the only map showing the true posi- | the service. The battle of the Hatchie, where Corinth, was fought Oct. 5, 1862. The raid elder is the only officer who obtained a truthful from Bolivar was a big mistake, as they took record of the positions held by the different | such a large wagou-train, and had so few commands, and the Union guns were not cold | troops, that they came very near all being commander in the Union and rebel armies and | the Union forces and Bolivar the Yankees Good Records,

J. L. Taylor, Co. L. 1st Ark, Cav., Pendletonville, Tex., knows that his regiment did not put down the entire rebellion, but did all it was commanded to do. Since moving to Texas the writer met Gen. Cable, and is sure the boys will remember him, as he charged them at Fayetteville, Ark., where he gave the Union forces a very hard fight. He met him at Duling John Perry and the writer obtained per- him make a speech which the rebels cheered. las, Tex., some two years ago, where he heard After he was through the writer asked him how it came that when he charged Fayetteville, Ark., he left so soon afterwards, to which he could give no answer. The only reason the writer can see for leaving so soon was that they gave him too many minie-balls, and there was too much show of cold steel to suit him. L. R. Thompson, Co. F. 26th Ill., Homer, Ill.,

says his regiment was in 57 battles and skirmishes, and marched 6,931 miles. On July 28, 1864, in front of Atlanta, where Hood's force tried to break through Sheridan's line, after several unsuccessful attempts to carry the works regiment numbered, and among them were one of line officers. The writer was wounded on being a large pond close to the river, which dier of the First Division, Fifteenth Corps, they drained, and they had all the fish they who had his middle finger shot off, the bullet striking his breast over the heart, lodging in a small Bible. The Bible had been presented to him by his young wife when he entered the service. The writer would be pleased to hear

M. Moran, Higgston, Ga., thinks Comrade Booth is true in nearly all his details of the for there was no such battery in the division quire if any of the boys of Upton's Division found the discharge of Michael Moran after

John T. Lytle, Sergeant, Co. I, 57th Ind. Union City, Ind., having seen that Comrade them. The comrade cites the case of the 15th | mit that the preacher has to be present before Wis., which was made up of Scandinavians, of services can commence, and the 57th Ind. were whom probably not one-half had taken the always on hand and invariably opened services, and 97th Ohio until after Chickamauga, when the 13th Mich., 100th Ill., and 26th Ohio were assigned to it. The loss of the regiment was George Philipot, Co. K, 3d Iowa, Cedar Falls, heavy at Stone River, Mission Ridge, and on

F. M. Adams, Montserrat, Mo., says that in Johnnies at Melford's Bend, on the Black Water. These rebels were on their way South to join old Pap Price.

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